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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on February 1, 2006 totaled 265,000 head, down 2 percent from the February 1, 2005 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 4 percent from the number on hand January 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 46,000 head, up 9,000 head from January 2005 placements. Marketings during January totaled 51,000 head, down 10,000 from January 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on February 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above February 1, 2005 and 9 percent above February 1, 2004. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.20 million, 16 percent above 2005 and 25 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.12 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 530,000, 600-699 pounds were 447,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 520,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.81 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during January, 14 percent above 2005 but 12 percent below 2004.

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